

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, by Proclamation entered on the thirtieth day of June, Two Thousand Twelve, a State of Emergency was declared due to severe storms causing, among other damage, downed trees and power outages; and

WHEREAS, because the severe weather has disrupted the availability of water and diverted emergency services personnel to recovery and support efforts, there is great concern that sufficient water and other resources will not be available to suppress structural and forest fires; and

WHEREAS, severe weather and extreme heat continue to persist throughout all fifty-five counties of the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, Governor of the State of West Virginia, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution of West Virginia; section six, article five, chapter fifteen of the Code of West Virginia; and section five, article three, chapter twenty of the Code of West Virginia, do hereby **APPROVE** and **AUTHORIZE** the Director of the Division of Natural Resources and the Director of the Division of Forestry to issue directives to prohibit the starting of and require the extinguishment of fire in any designated area, including fires permitted by section five, article three, chapter twenty of the Code of West Virginia, effective immediately, and such directives shall continue until the State of Emergency ceases to remain in effect. Further, I hereby **ORDER** that

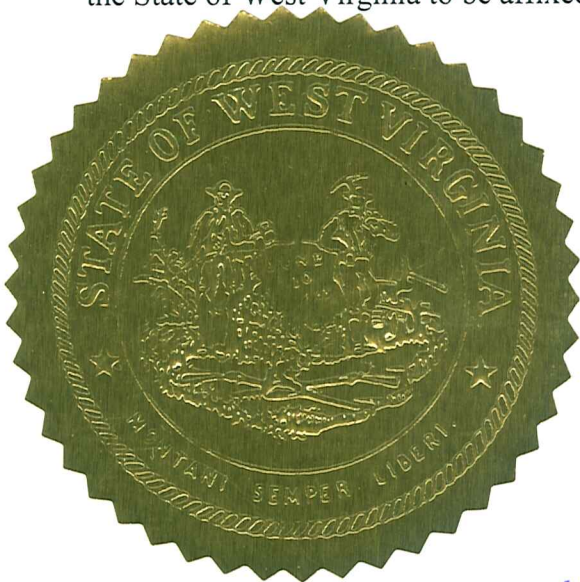
1. In consideration of the foregoing, it shall be unlawful for any person in the State of West Virginia to engage in outdoor burning that has been determined to be prohibited by either the Director of the Division of Natural Resources or the Director of the Division of Forestry. The Director of the Division of Natural Resources and the Director of the Division of Forestry may grant exceptions as each deems necessary, so long as the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of West Virginia are not compromised.

2. The Division of Forestry shall take all steps necessary to enact a forest fire readiness plan and to enforce the ban on burning as outlined in article one, chapter twenty of the Code of West Virginia.

3. The Division of Forestry and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall provide continuous information to the Governor and the public regarding forest conditions.

4. The Division of Natural Resources, the Division of Forestry, the Office of the State Fire Marshall, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the State Police shall cooperate in the enforcement of this Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston,
State of West Virginia, on this the sixth day of July
in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twelve, and
in the One Hundred Fiftieth year of the State.

Earl Ray Tomblin

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE